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Industries

Grazing facilities in Cuddapah district.

*272 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: With reference to the answer to clause (vii) of my question No. 1753 answered on 15th March 1928, will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the question of affording grazing facilities has been considered; and

(b) what action the Government propose to take in that direction?

A.—From a report recently received from the Director of Industries it appears that unreserves in the district are gradually diminishing and that the only places where grazing areas can be found are in the Forest Panchayat reserves. The panchayats may allow the grazing of sheep though not of goats in their reserves. The Director's report is under consideration.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"In view of the answer given, may I know what provision the Government propose to make for the grazing of goats in order to develop the woollen industry?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"The Director's report is under consideration."

Encouragement to the Malas in spinning and weaving.

*273 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state, with reference to the statement made by the Special Officer on Cottage Industries at page 1 of his report regarding Kurnool district that 'spinning and weaving are the mainstay of the Malas during the summer seasons'—

(a) what steps are being taken by the Government to equip the members of this community for the work in a more efficient manner; and

(b) whether the Government propose to investigate into the possibilities of a scheme of technical education for the children of this community with free boarding so as to include agriculture, spinning and weaving?

A.—(a) & (b) The formulation of measures connected with the betterment of the spinning and weaving industry will be deferred till the survey of all the districts in the Presidency is completed and the Special Officer's final report is received.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know what the reason is for deferring the consideration of this problem until the receipt of the final report?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"To have a comprehensive scheme for the whole Presidency, if possible."

Action taken on the recommendations for the improvements of the processes of the dyeing of yarns for carpets in Kurnool district.

*274 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state, with reference to the statement made by the Special Officer for Cottage Industries at page 8 of his report regarding the